



By the King and Queen, A PROCLAMATION,

To Explain a Clause in a late Proclamation [for Encouraging Seamen and Mariners to Enter themselves on Their Majesties Service] Dated the One and twentieth Day of December, 1691.

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Whereas in Our said Royal Proclamation there is this following Clause [And We do hereby further Declare, That no such able Seamen that shall so voluntarily Enter themselves within the time before mentioned on Board any of Our Ships of the First and Second Rates, shall be turned over to other Ships] Which Clause as it may be understood, may prove prejudicial to Our Service, and not according to Our Royal Intentions, for by the purport thereof, such able Seamen as did Enter themselves on Board of any of Our First and Second Rate Ships as aforesaid, may claim of right to be Cleared and Paid off, in case by Accident or Stress of Weather such Ship at her first going out should happen to be disabled from the Summers Service, or else such Seamen so Entering themselves will have Pay for no Service, if they may not be turned over to other Ships, during the time the Ship on which they are Entered is Refitting. Wherefore to avoid such Inconveniences, and that

such able Seamen who Entered themselves, as aforesaid, may have the benefit of Our Royal Intentions and Encouragement to them; We do hereby, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, Explain the said Clause, and Declare by this Our Royal Proclamation, That when any of Our Ships of the First or Second Rates shall be sent in to be Refitted or Repaired, and not laid up, the Men belonging to such Ship or Ships, though Volunteers, and Entered as aforesaid, may be turned over to any other Ship or Ships in Our Royal Navy, by Directions from the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of England, according as our Service shall require, during such time only as such Ship or Ships so sent in, as aforesaid, shall be Repairing or kept in Pay: And We do further Declare, That when such Ship or Ships shall be Repaired, and sent out to Service again, the same Men, being Volunteers, and turned over as aforesaid, shall be again returned to their Ship or Ships on which they Entered themselves Volunteers, unless they desire to continue in the Ships to which they shall be turned over, that when such Ship or Ships shall be laid up, and put out of Pay, such Volunteers may be Paid off, and Cleared; In Order to which, We do hereby strictly Charge and Command Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of England, not to turn over such Volunteers into any Ship or Ships, that shall be Employed in any Foreign Voyages, but into such Ship or Ships that shall be Employed in Our Main Fleet, or Chanel-Service only.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Twenty eighth Day of July, 1692. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

God save King William and Queen Mary.

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